

Geneva Township
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2022

Chairman Mills called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

The pledge of Alliance was recited.

Those present were Mr. Mills, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Miller, Fiscal Officer Caya, Fire Chief Shook. Citizens present were Bill Douglas, Robert Russell, Kyle Smith, Sarah Lewis, Richard Arndt and Ed Andrus,

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller to approve minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting. Both trustees present voted aye.

Mr. Brown made the motion and a second by Mrs. Miller. All trustees present voted yes to, approve bills for \$ 67,362.69 covered by e□payments E-96-2022 through 122-2022 and Warrants 22145-22175. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comment:

Ed Andrus thanked the Township trustees for the help with the waterline on New London. The pipe is in.

There was a comment made that Ron Clutter talked about putting in a cul-de-sac and he has an idea of a different type. The Planning Commission has not seen his idea yet. The Health Department will have to issue a waiver of frontage.

Tim Mills stated to Mr. Arndt that he called the County on the drainage and they don't feel there should be standing water, there might be something clogging the drain.

Fire: Chief Shook reported that there were 9 incidents this past month. Most of them were motor vehicle accidents with a couple of them fairly serious. There were also a couple of fire maintenance issues. Mr. Shook also reported that over the past 4 days there has been a brush fire on North Myers and they have put about 20 hours into already. They have not been able to put it out yet but they are still monitoring it.

Mr. Shook asked the Township if they would be willing to help pay some of the invoice for maintenance on the boat since the boat is mainly used in the Township. It was normal maintenance that was completed and the boat will be a great asset. Denny Brown asked if Mr. Shook knows how often the boat will be used. Mr. Shook responded that there is no way to predict but last year they responded to 25 water rescue calls. Tiffany Miller made a

motion for Geneva Township to pay the total invoice to Marine Works for the Geneva Fire Department boat repair and maintenance. Denny Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Report: Mr. Cerjan reported there were 5 permits issued this month, a couple were for additions. He has also received several high grass complaints. He also reported he has had some questions on condemned buildings and he has no authority to condemn.

Tim Mills introduce Kyle Smith and Sarah Lewis who were in attendance to discuss offering legal services to Geneva Township. They submitted a proposal of \$175 per hour. Denny Brown commented that he talked to 10 different attorneys and they are all extremely busy. Tiffany Miller also stated that she talked to Sarah Lewis. Kyle Smith introduced himself and briefly went over his experience. He has 27 years legal experience in both private and public. Mr. Smith also commented that he is working with Conneaut and Geneva on the Lake on a property maintenance ordinance and can help Geneva Township. Tiffany Miller made a motion to hire Kyle Smith and Sarah Lewis to represent Geneva Township. Denny Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Road Department: Tim Mills reported that Tod Young was not at the meeting because they are out crack sealing. The one back up truck was having hydraulic issues and is now back in service after being repaired. The boom mower had to have a valve repaired. There was an ad in the paper asking for bids for the dump box and there was only one received. Tammy Caya, Fiscal Officer opened the one bid publicly and it was received from Mitch Mills in the amount of \$502.00. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the bid from Mitch Mills for \$502.00 for the dump box. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion, Mr. Mills abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Mills also reported that they should start chip and sealing the second week of August

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Caya reported that tax budget has been presented to the Township Trustees for review. It will need to be submitted to the County Auditor by July 23rd. Mrs. Miller made a motion to submit the Geneva Township Tax Budget to the County Auditor as presented. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Committee: Tim Mills stated the Mr. Russell's position on the NAD board needs to be replaced. Mr. Mills made a motion to appoint Tiffany Miller to the NAD Board and Tammy Caya to still remain as the alternate. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills made a motion to appoint Denny Brown as the alternate to the Cemetery Board. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mr. Douglas commented that he believes the Township got great rate from Kyle Smith for legal services. Kyle Smith commented that he can also help with zoning code and will identify some areas where he can help and provide a budget. He asked for a copy of the current code.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending or eminent legal litigation. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and adjourned into executive session at 9:51 AM.

Mr. Brown made a motion to reconvene from executive session, seconded by Mrs. Miller. Motion passed unanimously. They reconvene at 10:14 AM.

Mrs. Miller made the motion and a second by Mr. Browns, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. All trustee voted yes.

Fiscal Officer